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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

ADJUTANT GENERAL

OF THE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

For the Year 1847.

TRENTON, N. J.

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TRENTON, New Jersey, January 1, 1848. }

SIR:—On the 1st of January, 1847, I deemed it my duty to lay before your Excellency, the neglected condition of the militia of New Jersey. Since that period no material improvement has come under my observation, and I have now to report that the same want of efficient organization prevails in most of the brigades throughout the state; that few regular regimental parades are held according to law; few fines are imposed for neglect in the performance of military duty, and still fewer collected; hence arises the impossibility of making a suitable return of all the militia of the state to your Excellency, and to the President of the United States, whereby we are not only remiss in the performance of a duty which we owe to the Union, but may be cut off from our quota of the public arms and munitions of war.

With an earnest desire to effect some change, I would most respectfully suggest to your Excellency the importance of insisting upon the regular meetings of the different brigade boards.

Of the necessity of imposing and collecting according to law, all fines for the neglect of military duty, and of immediately (if possible) supplying the places of decayed and retired field officers.

I would also suggest the importance of furnishing a suitable book of instructions, for the use of the militia, the same to be in conformity with the regulations of the U. S. army, and an excellent work adopted by a majority of the states of the Union.

Lastly, I would once more especially recommend that proper encouragement be given to that respectable class of men, the volunteers of New Jersey. Their character and their usefulness at home and abroad, demand that some fund should be judiciously provided for their special benefit.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

T. CADWALADER,

Adjutant-General N. J. M.

His Excellency,

CHARLES C. STRATTON,

&c., &c., &c.

